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RUSSIANS' REPLY IN HANDS OF JAPANESE

First Session of Congress Only Little Over An Hour.

WITTE EXPECTS EARLY REPLY.

The Japanese Envoys Promise an Answer as Soon as Possible—Russia Will Try to Fix Cause of War Upon the Mikado's Empire.

Portsmouth, August 14.—So pessimistic is the feeling among those in conference on both sides that the prediction was made to the Associated Press correspondent that if a meeting should be held this afternoon it might be the last, and that the history of the "Washington conference" would be abruptly concluded today.

If negotiations are broken off, Oyama will immediately give battle to Lin-



GENERAL OYAMA.

Commander of Japanese Army Who Now Awaits Signal to Attack the Russians in Manchuria.

witch. The Associated Press learns from an unimpeachable source that General Oyama's plans are perfected, his armies are ready and only await the signal that a rupture has occurred to launch his campaign.

Portsmouth, N. H., August 14.—The meeting of the peace conference this morning as indicated in these dispatches last night, was brief. It lasted a little more than an hour. The Russian reply was delivered by M. Witte, and the meeting was adjourned to give Baron Kumura and his colleagues opportunity to examine the document. M. Witte indicated courteously that he would expect the same expedition in the Japanese response as has been observed in the preparation of the publication of the reply and this was readily assented to. The Russian plenipotentiaries immediately returned to the hotel, while the Japanese remained at the navy yard.

The official statement regarding this morning's resolution was given out by Mr. Sato at 11:15 accompanying it with the explanation that it was an official statement to which both sides had agreed. It is as follows:

In the signing of Saturday, Aug. 12, their excellencies, the plenipotentiaries of Russia have handed their reply in writing to the note presented to them on Thursday by the plenipotentiaries of Japan. It has been decided that the next meeting will take place after the Japanese plenipotentiaries have examined the reply received, which will be at 3 o'clock this afternoon or tomorrow at the same hour.

The Associated Press is in a position to state that the Japanese believe that the Russians have been laying the foundation for a rupture, if one comes, will have been due to their intransigent attitude. They have decided in case of a break to take steps to disprove any such claim.

Conference May End Abruptly.

It was already well understood that M. Witte's reply on the two main points was a firm but courteous refusal.

The Russians had made no concealment of that and such indications as came from their headquarters breathed a spirit of implacable resolution to adhere to the refusal. In deed there were open intimations that unless the Japanese modified their positions upon these points the attempt to negotiate peace must result in failure, and predictions were freely made among the Russian correspondents that next week would see the end. At the same time there was popular impression about the hotel that M. Witte was bluffing.

On the other side a similar but even more impressive attitude of determination was observed. They seem sure of their position and their strength.

The Japanese acted as if their minds were made up. They would discuss but yielded nothing on the main points.

There seems good warrant for the statement that two of the minor conditions were included for the purpose of bargaining; but that the others in substance must stand. In this condition of affairs there must be surrender on one side or the other, or the war will go on. There may still be a chance of peace, but it is based entirely upon a sudden change of the uncompromising attitude of one side or the other.

Predictions are heard that if a break comes, President Roosevelt will again step into the breach.

The Japanese plenipotentiaries have agreed to make their response to the Russian reply at 3 o'clock this afternoon or at the same time tomorrow.

Cable Reply to Tokio.

Soon after the adjournment of the joint session of the peace plenipotentiaries the departure of the Russians from the building the chiefs and their secretaries went into formal session in their private council chamber, taking into consideration and preparing to cable the Russian reply to Tokio.

Two Nations Wide Apart.

St. Petersburg, August 14.—Dispatches from Portsmouth make it clear that unless there is a very substantial abatement of the demands of the Japanese plenipotentiaries, which is unlikely, the peace conference will come to a sudden conclusion. The two nations are so wide apart that all hope of agreement has been practically abandoned here. It is probable that the next session will end in a final adjournment and that M. Witte will sail for Europe very shortly.

POSED AS "KING OF WORLD."

Recent Death at Peoria, Ill., Reveals a Strange State of Affairs.

Peoria, Ill., August 14.—It has been years since Peoria has suffered such a shock as that produced by the development over the death of Edward Drouin, which occurred yesterday.

Mrs. Drouin is incarcerated in the county jail, violently agitated and is seemingly deranged. The interior of their Fisher street home is filled with furniture of the stranger character, and the walls are covered with facsimile reproductions of the "coat-of-arms" adopted by Drouin and his wife.

For some time he had posed as "king of the world," and his wife as "empress of the universe." With energy almost inconceivable Mrs. Drouin spent hours of each day writing letters in prominent people in this city, warning them of attempts upon their lives and asserting that a band of people were threatening the extermination of the populace by turning on the electric fluid.

All efforts to investigate were frustrated by the vigilance of the wife. When searched, their apartments were found to contain vast quantities of mineral and medicinal waters, designed to destroy the efforts of the people with the "electric fluid."

Woman Mysteriously Disappears.

Lumber City, Ga., August 14.—A young man from Hazlehurst reports the mysterious disappearance of Miss Maggie Whiting, the daughter of H. D. Whiting, a respectable farmer, about 2 miles from the town. Searchers for her have been out in a vain endeavor to locate her whereabouts, but without success. No cause can be ascribed for her leaving home.

SMALL DEATH RATE ENCOURAGING SIGN

Authorities Now Believe They Can Win the Fight.

5 DEATHS AND 16 NEW CASES

No Marked Change in Fever Situation.

August Is Considered the Critical Month—Quarantine Regulations Have Been Somewhat Relaxed.

New Orleans, August 14.—There were sixteen new cases of yellow fever and five deaths reported by board of health authorities.

New Orleans, August 14.—No marked change was recorded in the yellow fever situation today and the early reports received at the marine hospital offices indicated no serious turn in the number of cases and deaths for the day. August is a critical month when the fever appears early and the relatively small number of deaths in the first 11 days on the month is regarded as justifying Dr. John Guiteras' statement in his interview given at Mobile that the worst is over and that the present fever will not become like some of the terrible epidemics in the past. It is announced here that the citizens' committee fund has now reached \$100,000, which, with the amounts contributed by the city and state, yields the quarter of a million, which the government desired to be guaranteed before it began work.

All the money needed to carry on a most elaborate campaign of suppression is therefore at hand.

The Venus from Port Limon laden with fruit came into the river today from New Orleans, orders were given for her to go back to sea and to proceed to Mobile.

Italian Ambassador Meyer des Planches, who has been keeping in close touch with the situation here is encouraging the Italian societies in the relief work they have undertaken in the Italian quarters and has forwarded a personal subscription of \$200. A large number of the poorer class of Italians are now being fed daily at the expense of the societies. The health of the naval reservation continues good and the premise is that the additional physician whom the government has ordered to the yard will have at present little to do. The station is isolated and there has been no fever in its vicinity.

Physicians Are Optimistic.

In spite of the large number of cases of fever reported during the past three or four days hope continues to run high here. That is due to the fact that there are practical evidences that the crusade against the mosquito is telling. More than two weeks have now elapsed since the death or curing of cases at a number of points above Canal street, and there has been no re-appearance of the fever where those cases existed nor in the immediate neighborhood. That is taken to indicate the effectiveness of screening and disinfection which in the one instance has prevented stegomyias from stinging patients during the first three days of their illness, and in others has worked the destruction of the mosquitoes in the infected houses and neighborhoods.

The result is more faith in the mosquito theory. In this connection it is shown by the officials that while 63 of the 61 new cases officially reported in the preceding 24 hours are in the lower section, there are fewer than ever before in the originally infected district which is still thickly inhabited. The reason given for this is that the drastic measures of fumigation the federal authorities are rapidly ridding the district of mosquitoes.

Relaxation in Quarantine.

A moderate relaxation in quarantine regulations is recorded. Trains are again running through Lake Providence, La., no cases of suspicious fever being discoverable there or in the vicinity. Lafayette, La., has rescinded its previous action and will recognize detention and health certificates and receive freight in disinfected

cars. Calcasieu parish will permit travel between points in that parish, except Bon Ami, and will take disinfected freight from New Orleans. Pointe a la Poudre, which at first refused to handle goods from New Orleans, has submitted to education, and will abide by the regulations of the state board of health. However, the attempt to open the regulations of the state board of health. However, the attempt to open a detention camp at Fontainebleau, Miss., has been abandoned, and the federal doctors and workmen have left there. A camp nearer New Orleans may ultimately be located, but up to the present, the effort to open up Mississippi to people from New Orleans has failed.

Dr. Walte issued another appeal today to physicians to report suspicious and actual cases promptly.

Tennessee Asks Federal Aid.

Washington, August 14.—With reference to the request of the state board of health and marine hospital service and in the maintenance with the quarantine service surgeon, General Wyman, said today that Surgeon Young, with headquarters at Jackson, Miss., is in charge of the marine hospital service in that territory, an officer in whom he had perfect confidence, and he would be instructed to take such steps as might be necessary to protect all interests concerned.

Locate Camps in North Carolina.

Knoxville, Tenn., August 14.—A special to the Sentinel from Asheville, N. C., says that ten official representatives of the municipality of New Orleans are in western North Carolina for the purpose of locating camp sites for yellow fever refugees. Tents for these camps are to be furnished by the federal government. Already a large number of refugees have reached Asheville and vicinity.

TWELVE HUNDRED SUITS FILED.

Railroads Sued for Violation of the Cattle Shipping Law.

San Francisco, August 14.—Twelve hundred suits involving a penalty of from \$100 to \$500 in each case, or a total maximum of fines of \$600,000, are to be brought against the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Union Pacific and other western roads for violations of the so-called 28-hour hour law providing for the humane shipment of cattle. This is at the instance of the secretary of agriculture that this litigation has been taken up by the attorney general and suits will soon be commenced by the various United States district attorneys.

The law under which this wholesale suing is to be done has been on the statute books since 1873, but the railroads have never given it much thought and still less observance. It requires railroad companies transporting cattle from one state to another to unload the animals after they have been in the cars for 28 hours, feed and water them and give them a rest for at least five hours.

Double Tragedy in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., August 14.—Samuel Simmons, a wealthy naval stores and sawmill man, and his son, Ely Simmons, were both shot and killed about 15 miles from here by Thomas Hisler, who enters the plea of self-defense. The bodies of father and son were found in the pine woods near the public road. The elder Simmons was shot through the heart by a full charge of buckshot, and the heart was found on the ground about a foot from the body, it having been evidently torn out by hand after the shooting. There were several bullet wounds in the body of Ely Simmons. He was also shot in the back with a charge of bird shot.

Woman's Bail Fixed at \$7,000.

Royston, Ga., August 14.—Mrs. W. H. Cobb was arrested Friday at 12 o'clock on the charge of manslaughter for shooting to death her husband on Tuesday night. Mrs. Cobb's bond was fixed at \$7,000 and it will be made. No further investigation will be made until the superior court meets in September. The Royston Record, the paper of which Mr. Cobb was editor, will be published without interruption. Colonel George L. Goode will probably succeed Mr. Cobb as editor.

MAN CONFESSES TO WIFE MURDER

Officers Capture Him After a Hot Chase in Utah.

IS COMPLETE NERVOUS WRECK

He Said: "Yes, I Killed Her"—The Murderer Will Return to Kentucky, the Scene of the Crime, Without Requisition Papers.

Nashville, Tenn., August 14.—A dispatch to the Banner from Olathe, Kan., says:

"Yes, I killed her. I bought a gun at the drug store to make her sleep, but she would not. Then when she was not looking, I put the gun to her head and fired."

The above is the confession of Percy J. Luster, who killed his wife at Guthrie, Ky., about three weeks ago, to Chief of Detectives Perkins this morning.

Luster will go south with requisition papers.

He is now a complete nervous wreck.

TOLD HUSBAND TO DROWN SELF.

Man Takes Wife at Word, Who Said She Was Only Joking.

Chicago, August 14.—Joseph Garon returned home intoxicated yesterday and his wife told him to go to the lake and drown himself.

"All right," said Garon, "I will do that."

He did, and though he was alive when taken from the water he died in the hospital two hours later. A pocket of his coat the coroner found this note:

"This is to certify that my wife, Maggie Garon, told me to drown myself and go to the lake and drown myself. Goodbye, and God forgive me."

Mrs. Garon became hysterical when informed of her husband's death and was carried to the hospital but died a few minutes after his death.

"I was only joking," she said, as she knelt at the side of the body of her husband, and thought he would take me seriously."

SIX INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Two Women Seriously Hurt—One of Them Will Probably Die.

New York, August 14.—Two women and three men were injured last night in a central park runaway accident. Two of the women sustained fractured skulls and were probably killed from her injuries.

Two carriages were in collision. A team attached to one of the carriages frightened at an automobile and ran through the drive with great speed, striking on the reins in a runaway and checking them. Near a tavern at the per end of the park where a man was dining, the runaway carriage went with a survey and cartlidge and went down in a heap. The business of the accident caused a great excitement on the veranda of the hotel.

The diners rushed to the scene and dragged the victims from the wreckage. Two of the women were found injured, but all the men were expected to recover.

Trans-Mississippi Congress

Portland, Ore., August 14.—The twenty annual session of the trans-mississippi commercial congress will convene in this city tomorrow. The speakers who have been named are Francis of their respective states. Present are Governors of Oregon, Washington, California, McKay of Nevada, Grady of Alaska, and prominent men in public life.

Manager of Iron Works

Warsaw, Poland, August 14.—A long list of murders and strikes were increased by the assassination of the manager of the Lippowsky iron works, who was shot down at his residence.